



SPRINGFIELD, OHIO MOB BURNS NEGRO DISTRICT

VIOLENCE FOLLOWS SHOOTING OF WHITE MAN BY TWO NEGROES

Mob Quickly Forms and Marching to Negro Quarter Wreaks Vengeance--Police Overpowered and Houses are Burned By Drunken Men.

TROOPS BEING RUSHED TO SCENE OF TROUBLE

MOB BREAKS THROUGH CORDON OF POLICE AND DRIVES NEGROES OUT OF HOUSES--BURNS MANY HOMES--POLICE ARE POWERLESS AND OUTSIDE TROOPS ARE BEING SENT IN IN HASTE.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Feb. 27.—Mob have been ordered to Springfield. They violence followed the shooting in the railroad yards by two negroes of a brakeman named Davis, who is in the hospital perhaps fatally wounded. One negro is also in the hospital. The other negro was taken to Dayton to avoid violence. A mob of one thousand men and boys marched to the "Jungles," the negro district for the purpose of burning that section. It battered one house to pieces. The mob entered Kempler's saloon and looted it. Kempler and his wife fled, leaving their three little children asleep upstairs. The building was riddled with bullets and only by the hardest efforts of the police were the children saved. Drunkenness was an added feature to the riot. The mob broke through the cordon of police and set fire to another house which burned down. The Xenia military company was asked for at 10 o'clock, but had not arrived at 11 o'clock. A number of persons were seriously injured.

Six Houses Fired.
At midnight six houses were fired by the mob and were burning fiercely, the police apparently had lost control of the situation. The authorities have succeeded in assembling parts of several militia companies, in all about seventy-five men. At 12:45 the militia seems to be gaining the upper hand, and is driving the rioters back from the infected section. Another building was fired by the mob just as the militia got into action.

At 12:45 Sheriff Almoncy wired Governor Pattison, "Send all the troops possible tonight and hold others in readiness for tomorrow."
Militia Stoned.
The mob stoned and jeered the militia, but a show of bayonets sufficed to keep the rioters on the move. The rumor that out of town troops are expected is having a quieting effect on the mob.

Ordered Out.
DAYTON, Ohio, Feb. 27.—Companies G and K, Third Regiment of this city

will leave on the first train.

Are in Readiness.
COLUMBUS, Feb. 27.—Shortly after midnight four companies of the Fourth Regiment were ordered to assemble in the armory to await developments of the rioting at Springfield.

URBANA, Feb. 27.—One company of the Third Regiment is in readiness to proceed to Springfield.

STARTS WEST.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Captain Mikkelson, the Danish explorer, who has been in this city for several weeks, preparing for an Arctic expedition, which is to leave San Francisco, started for the west last night. The expedition is going to Banks Land under the joint auspices of the royal Geographical Society of London, and the American Geographical Society. The American society gave the explorer money to purchase a vessel on the Pacific Coast.

WILL ISSUE BONDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—President E. P. Ripley, of the Santa Fe, is preparing to issue \$17,296,000 of fifty-year four per cent bonds. This is the remainder of the \$50,000,000 issue authorized last year. The money so obtained is to be used in improving the company's California overland by reducing grades, building a couple of important cut-offs and in building a second track for the main line. Part of this second track had already been extended out from Chicago. The bonds are secured by a mortgage upon the entire property of the company at the rate of \$6659 per mile, subject to the general mortgage fours at the rate of \$17,680 per mile.

MISSIONARIES SAFE.

PEKIN, Feb. 27.—The fourteen American missionaries who fled from Nanchang have reached Kiukiang, safely.

COST TOO MUCH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company whose withdrawal from business in Missouri, was announced today, gives as the reason for the withdrawal, the ruling of the the Missouri superintendent of insurance that the company must foot the bills for the examination of it's business by the Missouri Board of Examiners. The company objected, owing to the cost being about \$8000.

HEAVY FINES.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 27.—Reports from the Artega district, State of Chihuahua, state that fines aggregating \$127,000 have been imposed on several miners of that district for infractions of the stamp law.

STOPS PROCEEDINGS.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—Matthew Kieley, the suspended chief of police, on trial before the board of police commissioners, today stopped the trial by obtaining a temporary injunction to prevent the board from continuing proceedings.

DRIVEN ASHORE.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 27.—An unknown four master schooner was driven ashore in a blinding snow storm a mile off Cape Henry late today. Rescue is futile owing to the surf. Her condition is perilous tonight. It will not be possible to aid her before daylight.

TO SAFEGUARD VANCOUVER ISLAND COAST

VICTORIA, Feb. 27.—The government commission investigating the Valencia suggests to the Marine Department various aids to the navigation of the Vancouver Island coast, including an international light-ship at the entrance to the straits of San Juan de Fuca, life stations at Victoria, Bamfield, Ucluelet or Clayoquot and one at Neah Bay, which the United States will be asked to provide. It also suggests a coast patrol, telegraph huts every six miles, wireless telegraph stations, improved lights and fog alarms, a new light at Sherringham Point and lighthouses at all prominent points from one end of the coast to the other and a steamer to engage in coast guard patrol duty. The suggestions for the improvement of the coast will be brought to the attention of the United States.

WILL SUE OREGON TO VOTE ON BILL

LaCrosse Man Wants Proof Land Certificates Forged.

Charges Land Board Turned Down Both Good and Bad Certificates Without Discrimination.

LA CROSSE, Feb. 27.—Charging Oregon with turning down all the land certificates, the good, as well as the forged, in which S. A. D. Puter played any part, F. J. Toland, whose fifteen certificates covering 4400 acres of land were rejected by the land board at Salem, says he will bring suit against the State to force it to prove the certificates were forged. He denies he received certificates for services as a handwriting expert, but to secure a loan to Puter.

Distinguished Orientals Come to America.

TO STUDY CONDITIONS

Many Princes of Royal Lineage Are Included in the Party.

ARE RECEIVED IN SEATTLE

Thirty-nine Eminent Chinese Dignitaries Will Tour the United States, Studying Conditions, and Customs.

PORT TOWNSEND, Feb. 27.—The steamship Dakota, of the Great Northern steamship fleet arrived late tonight from the Orient. The Dakota carried to this country one of the most distinguished parties of gentlemen, which ever left the Orient to visit the United States, including as it does thirty-nine persons headed by Prince (Continued on page 8)

Senate Will Vote on Statehood Bill March Ninth.

Beveridge Makes Proposal to Vote on Measure at that Time, and is Accepted—Hale Defers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Senate today agreed to vote on the statehood bill, before adjournment Friday, March 9th. The proposition to take the vote at that time was made by Beveridge after a little difficulty in reaching an understanding. The suggestion was immediately followed by a speech in support of the bill by Hopkins, during the course of which Hale suggested that the territories were not prepared for statehood, and suggested their admission be deferred.

ROYAL PARTY RUSSIA TRIES TO AVERT ARRIVES FRANCO-GERMAN RUPTURE

St. Petersburg Government Exerting All Its Influence At Berlin Toward Preventing Clash Between France and Germany Over Morocco.

RUSSIA VERY ANXIOUS TO PACIFY SITUATION

IN SPITE OF RUSSIA'S EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE FOR BETTER IN MOROCCAN TANGLE, GERMANY'S ATTITUDE REMAINS UNCHANGED--PESSIMISM REIGNS, IN EUROPE OVER OUTCOME.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—In view of the Berlin announcement that Germany has expressed a willingness to make concessions on the Moroccan questions, if France will yield something and the announcement that Russia is using her influence in Berlin to prevent a rupture between France and Germany, Britain sees a ray of hope that the conference may still not end unsatisfactorily, though that hope is not strong in view of the fact that France made concession before the conference opened, and has continued to do so since it convened.

Russia Active.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27.—Russia is using all her influence at Berlin to prevent a rupture between France and Germany. Her action has been taken at the instance of Paris, where the Rouvier government is apparently convinced that Germany proposes to persist in her attitude, even to the point of provoking war.

On account of the close relations existing between the courts of Berlin and St. Petersburg, it is believed in France that Russia will have more influence upon Emperor William than any other power.

Earnest representations in favor of concessions to insure avoidance of an appeal to arms were accordingly being made, to which Germany replied that she had no desire to provoke war. Nevertheless, she gave no indication that she proposed to modify her attitude, and Russia's latest advices from Algiers indicate that practically all hope of an agreement has been abandoned.

Russia is much concerned about the situation, as war between France and Germany would greatly embarrass her. Not only is the Russian government so engrossed with the interior situation as not to be in a position to offer aid to her ally, but war would end the possibility of contracting another loan in Paris, of which Russia is in urgent need.

Premier Witte has now become a distinct advocate of an Anglo-Russian understanding, and it is stated that negotiations have been or are about to be reopened in London to determine the

status of this agreement. If they are successful, a new grouping of the powers will undoubtedly check Germany's growing ambitions.

The main obstacle to an understanding is the dispute regarding the respective spheres of influence of Russia and Great Britain in Persia, as the Russians are loth to abandon their plans for reaching the Persian Gulf.

HILDEBRAND CONFESSES.

"Lifer" Tells Warden That White Did Not Kill Murphy.

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 27.—John Hildebrand, sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary for complicity in the murder of John Murphy in Seattle, today told Warden Kees that he and not "Kid" White fired the fatal shot. His testimony before the warden, was that when the pair started for the saloon White knew nothing of Hildebrand's plan of robbery, and that White is too inexperienced to carry out a hold-up himself, and that from the position of both robbers inside the saloon it would have been impossible for White to shoot Murphy.

BALFOUR ELECTED.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Arthur J. Balfour, the former premier, was today elected to the House of Commons for the City of London by a majority of 11,430 over the Liberal Press. Trade opponent, Thomas Gibson Bowles. The vote was strictly a party one.

PLANS APPROVED.

SEATTLE, Feb. 27.—Captain Burwell, commanding the navy yard at Bremerton, has received notification from Washington that the plans for the proposed \$60,000 wharf at the navy yard, are approved.

EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 27.—Five miners were killed and several others badly injured in an explosion in the gas mines of the little Cahaba Coal Company at Piper, Alabama.

LAND BOARD CANCELS CERTIFICATES FOR LAND

SALEM, Feb. 27.—The State land board today cancelled and declared void certificates for twenty thousand acres of land held by the Deltaire Brothers and allied interests. The certificates

were based upon forged applications purchased through A. T. Kelliber, recently convicted of fraudulent transactions. The board specifically declares the Deltaires not a party to the fraud being innocent purchasers.

PACKERS NOT COMPELLED TO GIVE INFORMATION

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Evidence was introduced by the government today tending to show that the matter of testifying under oath or not during the investigation conducted by Garfield, who had left to the packers themselves,

It was claimed by District Attorney Morrison that this proved the packers were not under compulsion when they gave information to the agents of the government. The testimony was interesting.